

REMARKS

The Decision mailed September 25, 2009, affirmed the patentability of claims 1-3, 8, 10, and 11. Claims 4-7, 9, and 12-15 had been canceled on remand to the examiner for supposedly not having been appealed. Appellant's intent was to include such claims in the appeal, but that such claims would stand or fall together with claims 1-3, 8, 10, and 11.

The present amendment is a verbatim reintroduction of the subject matter of dependent claims 4-7, 9, and 12-15. New claims 16-19 are identical with claims 4-7 as of the time they were canceled. New claim 20 is identical with claim 9 as of the time it was canceled. New claims 21-24 are identical with claims 12-15 as of the time they were canceled. Therefore, new claims 16-24 are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. No new issues have been introduced, and claims 16-24 should be allowed along with claims 1-3, 8, 10, and 11.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, claims 1-3, 8, 10, 11, and 16-24 are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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